New Delhi House, Bara Khamba Road, New Delhi

805. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) how many fires did break out in the New Delhi House at Barakhamba Road, New Delhi during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether any inspection has been conducted in the building, if so, whether any defects in the wiring system was found or not and whether there is any overloading or not, if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the repair work of this building is over, if not, whether any penalty has been imposed on them; and

(d) whether Government propose to start prosecution proceeding case the repair works are not over, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The information is awaited and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) In New Delhi House at 27, Barakhamba Road inspections were made by the staff of Electricity department in July 1987 and 131 flats were checked regarding over-loading and defects in electrical installation. In 73 flats, over loading was found and in remaining 42 cases notices were served on account of defects in wiring. In 38 cases the electric connections were disconnected when no reply was received to the notice and in the remaining cases, the consumers have submitted their replies that they have removed the overloading and the defects in the internal wiring and therefore, re-inspection of such premises is in progress.

(c) and (d) In compliance with the notice served on the owners by the NDMC regarding removal of the dangerous dilapidated portions of the buildings, repair/rectification work is in progress at site. A major portion of this work has been completed. In view of the party complying with the notice, the question of imposing any penalty does not arise at this stage. However, the NDMC has already launched prosecution against the owner of the building in the court of law for non-compliance of their notice time.

Purchase of damaged wheat in the Northern States

806. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been huge losses of wheat crops in several Northern Indian States i.e. Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh because of untimely storms and rains during the last few months;

(b) if so, whether Government have sent any special teams to these States for making an assessment of the losses caused to them;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Governments have requested the Central Government to make such arrangements for the purchase of the damaged wheat from the farmers;

(d) if so, what are the details of the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that directions of the Central Government regarding purchase of damaged wheat are not being followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The damaged wheat could not be purchased by the public procurement agencies as it did not conform to the prescribed specifications. It was suggested to